

September 25, 2014

Chair and Members
Planning and Environment Committee
City of London

RE: Re-Zoning Application for Sherwood Forest Public School site (7 Annadale Drive)

Residents living on Friars Way have been actively involved in the community consultation led by the City's Planning Department regarding the redevelopment of the former Sherwood Forest Public School site. We appreciate the opportunity to have had input into the planning process to date.

Since our properties are the only ones directly abutting the site we would like to highlight some of our main concerns. We request that these be considered by the Planning and Environment Committee and included in the zoning by-law regulations as well as in the binding conditions for future sale and development of the site.

1. Playground/Parkland

Thank you to the City planners for acknowledging the impact that eliminating a valued community common will have on our neighbourhood. The school property has been an important part of the community fabric for the past 45 years. It has been used regularly for public meetings, ball games, informal team practices, individual pursuits such as physical conditioning, flying kites and dog walking. The community will experience a real loss when this recreational area, not otherwise available in the community, is reduced. We appreciate the City's efforts to maintain as much open space/parkland as possible.

2. Integrity of the Neighbourhood

The Neighbourhood Character Study accurately captured the essence of Sherwood Forest ... "wide-lot single family detached homes", "large building set-backs", "large number of mature trees", "pastoral suburban character." We expect that the new zoning definitions and specific building design will ensure that the character and quality of the neighbourhood will be maintained not just along the existing street frontage but in the interior development as well.

3. Setback and Lot Width

Similar setback, building height and lot width of new development will be essential to maintain the style of the existing streetscapes. Setbacks along the rear lot line with Friars Way properties must be in excess of 13 metres in order to maintain access to the buried utilities and allow for the existing drainage patterns. Landscaping, privacy fences and buffers are essential along the adjoining properties.

4. Lighting

There are no overhead street lights in Sherwood Forest and individual house lamps are used instead. We ask that there be innovative lighting design in any future park or housing development so that we can continue to minimize light pollution in our neighbourhood.

We know that the City's goal is to strengthen neighbourhoods. We look forward to continuing to work with you to maintain the unique character and vitality of Sherwood Forest.

Sincerely,

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Miladin & Marina Djuricic, 18 Friars Way
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